

Interview Summary

Application No.
09/099,684

Applicant(s)
De Pous et al.

Examiner
David Deal

Group Art Unit
3754

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

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(2) De Pous (inventor) (4) _____

Date of Interview May 8, 2000

Type: ☐ Telephonic ☒ Personal (copy is given to ☐ applicant ☒ applicant's representative).

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: ☒ Yes ☐ No. If yes, brief description:

Mr. De Pous brought models of his invention as well as the Van Brocklin device in order to demonstrate the differences between the prior art and his invention.

Agreement ☒ was reached. ☐ was not reached.

Claim(s) discussed: 27

Identification of prior art discussed:

Van Brocklin and Cater

Description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

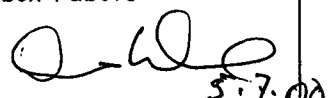
Upon review of the prior art and the models it was agreed that the prior art did not teach a method as claimed because Van Brocklin and Cater lack an inwardly extending snap fastening projection. The rejection will be withdrawn.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments, if available, which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments which would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

1. ☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview.

Unless the paragraph above has been checked to indicate to the contrary, A FORMAL WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION IS NOT WAIVED AND MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a response to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW.

2. ☐ Since the Examiner's interview summary above (including any attachments) reflects a complete response to each of the objections, rejections and requirements that may be present in the last Office action, and since the claims are now allowable, this completed form is considered to fulfill the response requirements of the last Office action. Applicant is not relieved from providing a separate record of the interview unless box 1 above is also checked.


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Examiner Note: You must sign and stamp this form unless it is an attachment to a signed Office action.